Sl. No.	Name of State	No. of deaths				
		1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
28.	Punjab	0	0	1	0	0
29.	Rajasthan	0	0	10	36	11
30.	Sikkim	0	0	0	0	0
31.	Tamil Nadu	2	2	1	0	0
32.	Tripura	5	11	6	9	5
33.	Uttar Pradesh	0	0	0	15	0
34.	Uttaranchal	—	—	0	0	0
35.	West Bengal	77	144	103	191	152

Organ Banks

†1281. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to set up Human Organ Banks for the purpose of transplantation of human organs;

(b) if so, the details and locations thereof and, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any provision has been made to provide some concession to the poor; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The Government have set up the Organ Retrieval Banking Organisation (ORBO) at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, as a national facility and nodal centre, to facilitate transplant programme in the country with a view to encourage organ donations, fair and equitable distribution of human organs and optimum utilization of human organs. Some NGOs in different parts of the country are also promoting organ donation.

The ORBO is maintaining the waiting list of terminally ill patients requiring transplants, donar registration, matching of recipients with donor co-ordination from procurement of organs to transplantation, dissemination of information to all concerned hospitals, organizations and individuals,

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creating awareness, promotion of organ donation and transplantation activities. A network of fifteen hospitals (Government Public and Charitable) with ORBO has been formed for smooth functioning and co-ordination for process of organ donation and transplantation in Delhi.

Under the Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 the Appropriate Authorities of the States concerned are empowered to grant registration certificates to such organizations. In respect of Union territories, D.G.H.S. is the Appropriate Authority.

The poor patients are treated by Government institutions either free or subsidized in the health care delivery system. The institutions which can carry out activities relating to transplantation are tertiary level institutions. Financial assistance under various schemes such as National Illness Assistance Fund, Prime Minister's National Relief Fund etc. can also be availed by poor patients.

Spurious Drugs Trade

†1282. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether dependence on drugs is increasing among the people in Delhi due to increasing pollution and adulterated food items;

(b) whether the flourishing business of spurious drugs is gaining momentum due to this;

(c) if so, the details of the stringent action taken by Government against the companies manufacturing such drugs and the number of shopkeepers whose licenses have been cancelled for selling spurious drugs so far; and

(d) the number of people arrested in this regard and the effective measures proposed to be taken against such drug manufacturing companies and the shopkeepers in future so that this flourishing business of spurious drugs is stopped?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Government is not aware of any such report indicating that dependence on drugs is increasing among the people in Delhi due to increasing pollution and adulterated food items.

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